

IN THE CLAIMS

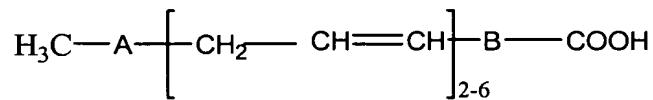
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A glass yarn, ~~in particular a staple glass yarn~~, coated with a sizing composition consisting of a solution comprising at least one fatty acid containing at least two ethylene bonds.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fatty acid contains 10 to 24, preferably 14 to 22, carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that claim 1 wherein~~ the fatty acid is chosen from linear-chain fatty acids.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fatty acid satisfies the following formula:



in which A and B represent a hydrocarbon chain and the total number of carbon atoms in the chains A and B varies from 2 to 16.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the acid contains 18 to 22 carbon atoms and satisfies the above formula ~~in which wherein~~:

A = -(CH₂)_x- x being an integer varying from 0 to 6, preferably equal to 0.3 or 6,

B = -(CH₂)_y- y being an integer varying from 2 to 11.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the composition furthermore comprises at least one polymer carrying one or more hydroxyl, epoxy and/or amine reactive functional groups.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that wherein the polymer has a molecular mass of at least 300 and preferably less than 3000.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~either of claims 6 and 7~~, characterized in that claim 6 wherein the polymer is a hydroxyl-terminated or amine-terminated polybutadiene.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the fatty acid content is greater than or equal to 5%, preferably greater than or equal to 8%, by weight of the composition.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 6 to 8~~, characterized in that claim 6 wherein the polymer content represents up to 40%, preferably 5 to 30% and advantageously 8 to 25%, by weight of the composition.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the sizing composition furthermore includes further

comprises at least one solvent in a proportion of between 0 and 30% by weight of the composition.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~, characterized in that the composition furthermore includes claim 1 wherein the sizing composition further comprises at least one coupling agent in a proportion of between 0 and 20% by weight.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The glass yarn as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the sizing composition includes comprises at least one textile processing aid in a proportion from 0 to 40%.

Claim 14 (Original): A sizing composition for glass yarn, in particular a staple glass yarn, consisting of a solution containing less than 5% water and comprising at least one fatty acid containing at least two ethylene bonds.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The sizing composition as claimed in claim 14, characterized in that it wherein the sizing composition has a viscosity of less than 120×10^{-3} Pa.s, preferably between 50 and 100×10^{-3} Pa.s.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The sizing composition as claimed in ~~either of claims 14 and 15, characterized in that claim 14 wherein~~ the fatty acid content is greater than or equal to 5%, preferably greater than or equal to 8%, by weight of the composition.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The sizing composition as claimed in ~~one of claims 14 to 16, characterized in that it furthermore includes claim 14 wherein the sizing composition further comprises~~ at least one polymer carrying one or more hydroxyl, epoxy and/or amine reactive functional groups.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The sizing composition as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that it wherein the sizing composition includes a mixture of linoleic acid and of hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene.~~

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A process for manufacturing sized glass yarns, especially sized staple glass yarns, in which a mass of molten glass streams flowing from a mass of orifices are drawn and wound in the form of a web on a rotating roll located more or less vertically beneath the bushing, the web is separated from the roll and the filaments chopped by means of a blade and said filaments are gathered together to form a staple glass yarn, said process consisting ~~in of~~ of depositing a sizing composition as claimed in ~~one of claims 14 to 18~~ claim 14 on the surface of the filaments before they come into contact with the roll.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 19, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the sizing composition is deposited by spraying.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of the yarn as claimed in one of claims 1 to 13 to form A method of forming~~ a fabric, especially a paint canvas comprising utilizing the glass yarn as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A glass fabric comprising the glass yarn,
~~characterized in that it comprises a staple glass yarn as claimed in one of claims 1 to 13 claim~~
1 wherein said glass yarn is a staple glass yarn and in that wherein said staple glass yarn has a
tenacity of greater than 4 cN/ tex, preferably greater than 7.5 cN/tex.

Claim 23 (New): The glass yarn as claimed in claim 1 wherein the glass yarn is a
staple glass yarn.

Claim 24 (New): The glass yarn as claimed in Claim 6 wherein the polymer has a
molecular mass of at least 300 and less than 3000.

Claim 25 (New): The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said fabric is a paint
canvas.

Claim 26 (New): A paint canvas comprising a fabric prepared by the method as
claimed in claim 25.